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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MONNET

REF: PARIS 10128; PARIS 10254

1. EMBASSY SHOULD TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
SECRETARY TO JEAN MONNET:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MONSIEUR MONNET: I HAVE READ THE
MALICIOUS RUMOR THAT YOU INTEND TO RETIRE FROM PUBLIC
LIFE. LIKE ALL OF YOUR ADMIRERS, I KNOW THIS IS
INCONCEIVABLE. BUT ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT YOU WILL
LEAD A SOMEWHAT LESS ACTIVE PUBLIC LIFE, I WOULD LIKE
YOU TO KNOW THAT I CONSIDER YOUR CENTRAL ROLE IN PURSUIT
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OF EUROPEAN UNIFICATION ONE OF THE UNIQUE EXPRESSIONS

OF STATESMANSHIP AND FORESIGHT OF OUR CENTURY. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND PERSONAL ADMIRATION FOR YOU AND YOUR WORK. EUROPEAN UNITY PROVIDES A VITAL CORNERSTONE TO THE STRUCTURE OF TRANS-ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP AND GLOBAL STABILITY.

OVER THE YEARS, YOU HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO ME. THROUGH YOUR FAITH AND COURAGE, YOU HAVE HELPED CREATE ENDURING INSTITUTIONS WHICH GAVE SUBSTANCE TO THE NOBLER ASPIRATIONS OF OUR CIVILIZATION.

FROM YOUR WORK WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS THROUGH YOUR INDISPENSABLE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE MARSHALL PLAN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, YOU HAVE IMPRESSED ME BY YOUR REMARKABLE CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE MEN AND EVENTS SOLELY THROUGH THE POWER OF YOUR OWN PERSUASION AND WISDOM, WITHOUT RESORT TO THE MORE TRADITIONAL INSTRUMENT OF ELECTED OFFICE.

YOUR CONSISTENT EMPHASIS ON TRANS-ATLANTIC COOPERATION ANTICIPATED THE PRESENT AND GROWING APPRECIATION FOR DIALOGUE ON SHARED CONCERNS WHICH I FIND SO ESSENTIAL IN THIS NEW ERA OF INTERDEPENDENCE. YOU BELONG TO AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERATION OF WORLD LEADERS -- ONE WHICH I FEEL SET HISTORIC STANDARDS FOR THE KIND OF CREATIVITY AND COMMITMENT WE NEED NOW.

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM YOU AS WE PURSUE OUR MUTUALLY-HELD HOPES FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC. WITH WARMEST REGARDS. HENRY
END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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